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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 12, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks. Applicant submits herewith: a Petition for Extension of Time for one month from December 12, 2008 to and including January 12, 2009 including a provision for payment of the appropriate fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2755 for any additional required fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

37 C.F.R. 1.8 Certificate of Mailing

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